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SUBJECT: PRELA INTERVIEWS FOREIGN MINISTER FRED WILLS

1. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS APPEARING IN FBIS, WHICH WERE
TAKEN FROM AN ARTICLE CARRIED IN PRENSA LATINA (PRELA).

2. BEGIN TEXT: GEORGETOWN, 13 SEPT--BY JORGE LUNA--
GUYANESE FOREIGN MINISTER FREDERICK WILLS TODAY DECLARED
THAT HIS COUNTRY IS THE TARGET OF DESPERATE DESTABILIZING
MANEUVERS, INCLUDING TERRORISM, BUT STRESSED THAT GUYANA
WILL NOT GIVE IN TO ANY KIND OF PRESSURES. HE EXPLAINED
THAT MANY ANTI-GUYANESE EFFORTS HAVE FAILED, THUS MAKING
THE SPONSORS OF SUCH ACTS MORE DESPERATE.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH PRENSA LATINA, WILLS AN-
NOUNCED THAT HE WILL SOON VISIT UN HEADQUARTERS TO DENOUNCE
ALL THESE MANEUVERS BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, JUST LIKE
HIS GOVERNMENT DID AT THE NONALINED SUMMIT MEETING IN SRI
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AFTER MAKING AN EXTENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, WILLS SAID THAT FOLLOWING THE IMPERIALISTS' DEFEATS IN ASIA AND AFRICA THEY HAVE NOW CONCENTRATED THEIR EFFORTS ON DESTABILIZING LATIN AMERICA. IN THE CARIBBEAN,

THEIR EFFORTS ARE PRIMARILY AIMED AT CUBA, GUYANA AND JAMAICA, HE ADDED. WILLS SAID IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DESTABILIZE GUYANA DUE TO THE PROCESS OF NATIONAL UNITY UNDERWAY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE OPPOSITION, BUT INDICATED THAT THE COUNTRY'S ENEMIES ARE DESPERATE AND THAT, THEREFORE, IT SHOULD BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT THE DESTABILIZING EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER GAVE SOME EXAMPLES OF THE MANEUVERS AGAINST THE COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE RECENT INTERNATIONAL PRESS CAMPAIGN TO MAKE THE GOVERNMENT NERVOUS AND THEREFORE RELUCTANT TO PURSUE DYNAMIC POLICIES. THE ANTI-GUYANESE PRESS CAMPAIGN WAS AIMED AT FOSTERING BORDER CONFLICTS BETWEEN GUYANA AND ITS NEIGHBORS--BRAZIL, VENEZUELA AND SURINAM--BUT FAILED, WILLS POINTED OUT. THE SECOND PHASE OF THE NAMEUVERS INCLUDES MANIPULATING THE MARKETS OF GUYANESE PRODUCTS, ARTIFICIAL DROPS IN PRICES AND REFUSING FOREIGN FINANCING, AMONG OTHERS, HE ADDED. WILLS, WHO IS ALSO JUSTICE MINISTER, EXPLAINED THAT ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO CREATE DOMESTIC UNREST, BUT THAT THEY HAVE FAILED. THERE HAVE BEEN INSTANCES OF FIRES IN FACTORIES AND SCHOOLS, HE REVEALED.

AFTER EXPLAINING THE DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE THAT TOOK HIM AROUND THE WORLD TO DENOUNCE THESE MANEUVERS, WILLS AFFIRMED THAT GUYANA IS DECIDEDLY NONALIGNED AND WILL NEVER BY (SIC) ANYONE'S PUPPET. HE TERMED HIS RECENT OFFICIAL VISIT TO BRAZIL AS VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND ANNOUNCED A SIMILAR TRIP TO VENEZUELA IN THE COMING WEEKS. IN BRAZIL, THE TWO COUNTRIES SIGNED A FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION AGREEMENT. ON SURINAM, HE SAID THAT EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO HOLD A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN THE TOP LEADERS OF GUYANA AND SURINAM, FOR THEM TO MEET EACH OTHER, HOLD TALKS, AND SEEK WAYS OF COOPERATION, SUCH AS ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, FOR EXAMPLE.

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FURTHER ON, WILLS REAFFIRMED THE PEACEFUL NATURE OF THE GUYANESE SOCIALIST PROCESS, BUT HE WARNED THAT GUYANA WILL HAVE TO DEFEND HERSELF, ALTHOUGH SHE IS NOT AGGRESSIVE, IF SHE IS PRESSURED OR ATTACKED. WILLS WAS AGGRESSIVE, HOWEVER, WHEN HE REFERRED TO GUYANA'S AFRICAN POLICY AND APARTHEID. HE SAID: WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE AGGRESSIVELY HOSTILE TOWARD APARTHEID. WE WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

TO ABOLISH THAT SYSTEM, WHICH IS NOTHING MORE THAN THE
MODERN VERSION OF SLAVERY. LOOKING AT GUYANA'S SOCIETY
AND CULTURE ONE SEES THAT WE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF AFRI-
CAN AND ASIAN SLAVES AND WORKERS, SO HISTORY AND
CONSCIENCE MAKES US VEHEMENTLY REJECT APARTHEID. THIS IS
THE PRIME FORCE BEHIND OUR AFRICAN POLICY.

WE HAVE ALSO TO DEVELOP A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER
THROUGH BILATERAL, HORIZONTAL LINKS, WITHOUT MIDDLEMEN, HE
DECLARED. BECAUSE OF THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY, OUR AFRICAN
POLICY WILL CONTINUE TO BE VERY STRONG IN THE FUTURE, HE
STRESSED, AND WE WILL NOT FALTER IN THAT STRUGGLE EVEN
AFTER VORSTER IS GONE. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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